

Site Report – Nondalton – October 2019

To: Superintendent Ty Mase
and LPSD School Board Members

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Outstanding Activities and Events

- Students with perfect attendance had a fun pizza and movie party. They watched The Lion King and feasted on pepperoni pizza baked by their teachers.
- The Student Government sponsored a Halloween party for the school and community. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. Miss Cassie's class made pumpkin soup out of their Jack-o-lantern. Some people were hesitant to try it but it was deliious.

Personnel

- Nothing to report

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

- The majority of students in Level 9 Math have been removed from the distance class. It was determined that they would be better served by the classroom teacher. With many schedule adjustments we've made it work.
- Students in the Upper Elementary group have been focusing on vocabulary, grammar in Language Arts. In science they are studying cells. The higher level students are leading the younger students in creating cell models.
- Miss Cassie's students are making progress every day! The food chain is just one of the things they learned about, this month.



Technology Progress

- We've been addressing issues with secondary students misusing technology. With closer monitoring by adults and clarification of expectations and consequences we hope things will improve.

Facility Update

- We're eager for the installation of our new water fountain.
- Personnel from INNEC were in Nondalton to update the boiler system at the housing. It is now an electric boiler that can also use gas. Everything appears to be working well.

LSAC Activity

- An LSAC meeting was held on October 4th. All members were present. Following that we held an election. There was someone elected for each seat. Since then there has not been a time a quorum could be gathered to swear in new members.

Volunteer Report

- Nothing to report

Professional Development

- The staff enjoyed attending October Inservice.
- Ryland Luciano took advantage of the opportunity to attend the Ocean Tech workshop in Seward.
- On site we've been emphasizing collaborative practices for the benefit of student learning and support.
- We've been focusing on the 40 developmental assets, in particular, the ones we are able to most impact at school.

Pupil Attendance

- Attendance has gotten slightly better but continues to be one of our issues. Scheduled absences and chronic lateness are the biggest issues.

Student and Staff Safety

- Everyone is safe!

Subsistence Calendar

- Nothing to report.

Other

During the spring of last school year, phone misuse had become a huge problem for students. We instituted a NO phone policy. This year the teachers have been very diligent about monitoring and enforcing the policy. We met with every parent the first week of school to share the policy with parents and get their support.

Students who bring their phone to school check it in with the principal when they arrive. It stays secured in the office, charging, throughout the day. At the end of the day, all phones are returned to students.

This policy has improved behaviors, attitudes, communication, and achievement. Losing phones as a distraction has been really beneficial to the students in Nondalton.

